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Classified By: POL/ECON Chief Cynthia Doell for reasons 1.5 (b) and (d)

1. (C) We presented reftel talking points April 9 to Lilit Tutkhalian, Head of the America's Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She told us that she would immediately raise the PSI Statement of Interdiction Principles (SOP) with Deputy Minister Tatul Margarian. Tutkhalian said that Foreign Minister Oskanian would provide the GOAM's formal response to the Ambassador next week.

2. (C) We also discussed the PSI SOP April 2 with Arman Israelyan, Director of the Global Security Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Israelyan told us that the Ministry of Defense was still reviewing the SOP, and had promised to provide the MFA a substantive reply on their position shortly. Israelyan also told us that the GOAM could provide a formal response to the SOP in the near future.  
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